an amount of Rs. 306.24 lakhs till date for the activities related to catchment area treatment.

Wildlife Advisory Board, Orissa

1356. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many times has the State Wildlife Advisory Board, Orissa met during the years, 1999 to 2002, year-wise; and

(b) what are the details of major decisions of such meetings with regard to setting up of wildlife sanctuaries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) During the period 1999-2002 the State Wildlife Advisory Board of Orissa met once *i.e.* on 12.1.1999. At this meeting the Board decided that following six sanctuaries be taken up on priority basis for notification:—

i. Kondakamberu Sanctuary

ii. Kapilash Sanctuary

iii. Gandhamardan Sanctuary

iv. Narayanpatna Sanctuary

v. Malyagiri Sanctuary

vi. Nagarmukh Dolphin Sanctuary

Clean Ganga

1357. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "How clean is Ganga, anyway", published in the Hindustan Times dated 17th February, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) on which date the Ganga Cleaning Authority was set up;